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FOR AID/FDRC STREET FROM BEAUCHAMP

1. APPRECIATE EXCELLENT DETAILS REFTEL.

2. RE: REFTEL PARAS ONE AND TWO. THIS AGREES OUR TOTALS
HERE. IF OTHER DONORS PROVIDE RELIEF SUPPLIES AS AGREED
TO IN AUG 27 MEETING (NICOSIA 2703) THE ARRIVAL
OF REFTEL ITEMS WILL MEET PRESENTLY FORESEEN NEEDS HERE
FROM U.S. HOWEVER, FOR INFO REPEAT INFO ONLY, HOW SOON
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WILL MORE TENTS/BLANKETS BE MANUFACTURED?

3. RE: CRS DONATION. CYPRUS MAIL, ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY, CARRIED FRONT PAGE (USIS) STORY AUG 28 ON ALL U.S. DONATIONS, PROMINENTLY MENTIONING PREVIOUS DONATIONS 1000 BLANKETS BY CRS, 2000 BY CWS.

4. PARA FIVE DETAILS WELCOME AND TIMELY. ICRC PROMPTLY ADVISED; THEY WILL OFFICIALLY INFORM UNHCR. WILL USE THIS DOLLAR TOTAL IN NEXT USIS OUTPUT. PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, TOTAL RED CROSS PANELS AVAILABLE FROM DSA ONLY 79 (WE HAD, IN FDRC, REQUESTED 100). THOSE 79 ON HAND HERE ADEQUATE, BALANCE UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

5. RE: PARA SIX REFTEL. REGRET MISUNDERSTANDINGS. THE GOC REQUESTS (PARA ONE, NICOSIA 2703) WERE THE SUBJECT OF MEETING. LEVELS OF AID REQUESTED WERE SEEN BY NON-GOC ATTENDEES AS CLEARLY UNREALISTIC AT LEAST IN TERMS OF DONATIONS BY OTHER NATIONS/INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO REACH CONSENSUS ON APPROPRIATE AND MANAGEABLE LEVELS OF AID, AND WIN GOC AGREEMENT THERETO. THUS GOC, FORE INSTANCE, CONSIDERED SHELTER NEEDED FOR 160,000 OF 191,259 PEOPLE DISPLACED. ESTIMATING THAT TENTS (600 FAMILY, 100 LARGE GP ALREADY SUPPLIED, PLUS OTHER TENTS ON ISLAND WOULD SHELTER 10,000 REFUGEES, THEY NEEDED ADDITIONAL SHELTER FOR 150,000. FAMILY SIZE AVERAGES FIVE HERE, THUS GOC-FELT NEED FOR 30,000 TENTS AS REPORTED REFTEL. AS YOU KNOW, WE CONSIDERED AVAILABILITY EMPTY TOURIST HOTELS, NEARLY-FINISHED APARTMENT BUILDINGS, NUMBER COLD WOULD DRIVE INTO HOMES WITH RELATIVES, NUMBER WHO MIGHT RETURN TO VILLAGE NOW EMPTY NEAR TURKISH LINES BUT WITHIN GOC TERRITORY; AND AGREED 10,000 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE (HOPEFULLY), OF WHICH U.S. WOULD DONATE MINIMUM OF 5600 FAMILY TENTS (PLUS 100 GP TENTS) WHICH, WITH ARRIVALS TOMORROW, WE WILL HAVE DONE. ANOTHER EXAMPLE: CYPRIOTS LOVE BLANKETS LIKE FIJIANS LOVE SALT. FOUR WOOL BLANKETS PER PERSON SEEMS TO THEM MINIMAL IN NORMAL TIMES. THUS THEY NEEDED, THEY BELIEVED, 640,000 BLANKETS OF WHICH WE HAD, AT TIME OF MEETING, ALREADY FURNISHED 10,000 (COTTON). REFTEL GROUP SWITCHED TO WOOL AND DECREASED TARGET TO ONE BLANKET PER UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUGEE, WHICH SEEMED TO US REASONABLE, ALTHOUGH GOC REMAINED SOMEWHAT UNCONVINCED. WE POINTED OUT THAT TARGETS COULD, IF ESSENTIAL, BE RAISED IF LATER PROVE INADEQUATE. THUS TARGET REACHED OF 200,000 MORE BLANKETS (ROUNDED) OF WHICH WE EXPECTED FURNISH 60,000 AND OTHER DONORS 140,000. WITH ARRIVALS TOMORROW WE WILL HAVE SLIGHTLY EXCEEDED THAT PLEDGE. OTHER REQUESTS, SUCH AS FOOD, WILL BE SUBJECT OF SECOND DONORS' COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEETING SEPT 3. WILL ADVISE. HOWEVER, NOTHING HEREIN TO BE INTERPRETED AS CLOSING THE DOOR ON FUTURE REQUESTS AS NEEDS DEVELOP.

6. DETAILS ON OTHER DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS, REQUESTED REFTEL, UNDER PREPARATION BY UNHCR FOR COMPLETENESS AND UNIFORMITY. MEANTIME: UK QUITE UNABLE YET ESTIMATE VALUE DONATIONS, BUT FLIGHTS EVACUATING THOUSANDS, FEEDING OVER 10,000 DAILY FOR SIX WEEKS, ETC. POSSIBLY AMOUNT TO SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS. IN ADDITION, UK ALLOCATED DOLLARS EQUIVALENT 450,000 OF WHICH 150,000 DOLLARS EQUIVALENT DONATED ICRC. GREECE PLEDGED ABOUT DOLLARS THREE MILLION IN FOOD AND OTHER GOODS. FINLAND PLEDGED DOLLARS 54,000 OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL TO THOSE REPORTED NICOSIA 2451. SWEDISH RC DELIVERED 20,000 BLANKETS; FRG DELIVERED 25,000 PLUS THE FOOD AND MINIBUSES (BONN 13579). FRANCE PLEDGED DOLLARS 526,316 EQUIVALENT. UNHCR PLEDGED DOLLARS 600,000. GOVERNMENTS AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, ITALY, KUWAIT, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, SWITZERLAND, PLUS UNICEF HAVE ALL PLEDGED LESSER AMOUNTS. WILL HAVE MORE COMPLETE UP-DATE BY 7 SEPT WHEN UNHCR HAS COMPLETED INITIAL SURVEYS. ABOVE DATA SUPPLIED BY UNHCR, BUT LABELED VERY INCOMPLETE.

7. RE: REFTEL PARA SEVEN. BELIEVE ALL ITEMS REPORTED SENT HAVE ARRIVED GOOD ORDER, BUT ICRC NOT YET ABLE POSITIVELY CONFIRM. EARLIER FLIGHTS SOMETIMES ARRIVED UNANNOUNCED, SOME LATER FLIGHTS HAVE ARRIVED AT TIMES OTHER THAN EXPECTED. BRITISH UNLOAD PROMPTLY ON ARRIVAL ANY HOUR, MOVE GOODS TO CENTRAL WAREHOUSE. THUS WHEN ICRC REP ARRIVES, PLANES MAY HAVE DEPARTED AND GOODS MIXED WITH EARLIER QUANTITIES. IN ADDITION, TWO SEMI-TRAILER TRUCKLOADS UNCATALOGUED RELIEF GOODS PLUS EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, SHIPPED ON FDRC CHARTERED C-141 AND C-5 TWO WEEKS AGO WERE PARKED OVERNIGHT IN COMPOUND NEAR NICOSIA BY EMBASSY. TURKISH FORCES MOVED LINES DURING NIGHT PAST THAT COMPOUND, FATE OF THOSE GOODS STILL UNDETERMINED. FEW DAYS LATER, UNFICYP FORCES DISCOVERED, IN DRY RIVER BED, FRESHLY DUMPED BALED WOOL BLANKETS AND USED CLOTHING WITH TAGS ON INDICATING THEY WERE (OR WERE TO BE) SENT SURFACE AS ACCOMPANIED SEA BAGGAGE WITH ONE JAMES SHERWOOD JONES VIA ITALIAN LINE SATURNIA TO NAPLES, AND VIA SS ENOTRIA TO CYPRUS. ONE TAG MARKED QUOTE WELFARE, BRIDGECOURT, WOODSIDE, NY END QUOTE. WE UNCERTAIN IF THSE WERE ALREADY IN CYPRUS OR MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF ORIGINAL CRS DONATION OF 1000 BLANKETS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND, AND WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF TRAILER-LOADS. SEVERAL BALES CLOTHES

AMONG TYPICAL VOLAG BLANKET BALES FOUND TOGETHER IN
RIVER PARTICULARLY MISTIFYING. THUS STRICT ACCOUNTING
FOR CARGO DIFFICULT HERE AT THIS TIME. HOPEFUL ICRC
CAN SOON GIVE US CLEAR RECEIPT YOU REQUIRE. WILL
ADVISE. CRAWFORD

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